

## Jordan to attend Olympic Games

ZARQA (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Monday that Jordan had tentatively decided to take part in the forthcoming Olympic Games scheduled to be hosted in Seoul, South Korea, next year. The Crown Prince, speaking at a meeting with the presidents of national sports clubs, said that representatives of Jordan should act modestly in the sports field and exert genuine efforts in representing the Kingdom. The participation process in the Olympics, the Crown Prince said, should be based on a democratic method. He stressed the need to nominate highly-qualified sportsmen and sportswomen to attain optimum results. Prince Hassan said the Ministry of Youth and the Jordanian Olympic Committee had taken steps to prepare and train Jordanian groups and individuals taking part in the games. The Crown Prince called for further meetings to evaluate the sports situation in the Kingdom and to identify means and ways of improving sports in the Kingdom. Monday's meeting was attended by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid.

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### Arab talks postponed

TUNIS (R) — An Arab League foreign ministers' meeting scheduled for next Wednesday has been postponed to a date yet to be fixed, Arab diplomatic sources said Monday. Saudi Arabia requested the postponement of the regular six-month session of foreign ministers of the 21-member league, the sources said. Saturday has been proposed as a possible alternative. Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal is due to take over from Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim as president of the session under a rotating system.

### Israel jails 2 Arabs

LOD (R) — An Israeli military court on Monday sentenced to life imprisonment two Palestinians from the occupied West Bank convicted of alleged attacks which wounded five people. Jamal Matur, 26, and Mahmoud Matur, 27, both of Hebron, were found guilty of wounding two people in an explosion at a Jerusalem supermarket and three soldiers in another blast at hitchhiking post. They denied the charges. The explosions took place last year.

### Clashes in Sidon

SIDON (R) — Palestinians and Lebanese police fought with machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades in this southern port city on Monday, security sources said. They said three people were injured when guerrillas advanced on a city police barracks to free two of their Palestinian comrades held there.

### Raimond, U.N. chief discuss Mideast

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The Iran-Iraq war and the Middle East were the main topics of discussion during an hour-long meeting on Monday between French Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond and Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. A U.N. spokesman said the discussion on the Middle East focused on prospects for a peace conference and on the operations of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

### Pertini leaves hospital

ROME (AP) — Former President Sandro Pertini, 91, was released from the hospital Monday a week after collapsing during a state funeral for a general killed by gunmen. "I feel fine, I'm going home to rest," Mr. Pertini told reporters gathered at Rome's Polyclinic Hospital.

### U.S. replacing all Marines in Moscow

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States on Monday announced that it was replacing all 28 Marine security guards at its embassy in Moscow after two who were stationed there were arrested on spying charges. Deputy State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said the Marines would be rotated back to the United States by the end of April to help in an investigation of the security lapse (See Page 8).

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## W. Bank and Gaza observe 'Land Day'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — At least one Palestinian and two Israelis were wounded Monday in "Land Day" protests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip against Israeli expropriation of Arab land.

A Palestinian youth was hit by a ricochet when the army used gunfire to quell a demonstration at the Gaza refugee camp of Balata, the Israeli military said.

Palestinian sources said that another youth was wounded by army fire.

In the West Bank town of El Bireh, north of Jerusalem, an Israeli soldier was injured by rocks thrown at military vehicles and an Israeli bus driver was hurt near Nablus when his vehicle was stoned by Palestinians.

"Land Day" commemorates the killing in 1976 by Israeli troops of six Arabs protesting

against the expropriation of Arab-owned land.

The Israeli military imposed a four-hour curfew in the West Bank refugee camp of Balata following protests, and shopkeepers observed a commercial strike in East Jerusalem, Nablus, Ramallah, El Bireh and the Gaza Strip.

In Nablus and Gaza, Palestinians said the army forced them to open their shops, breaking shop shutters or threatening to weld them shut if they did not comply.

In Askar refugee camp, near Nablus, youths stoned an Israeli

bus and lightly injured the driver. In Kalandia refugee camp, near Jerusalem, security forces arrested a 12-year-old youth after protesters burned tyres in protest.

Palestinians in Gaza said about 40 residents were arrested and sent to the Ansar two detention centre in the past week as part of Israeli precautions against protests.

The military said it had detained 10 Palestinians without charge and temporarily closed down two West Bank universities to avoid violence.

Military censors prevented two East Jerusalem Palestinian newspapers from publishing editorials on "Land Day," their editors said.

Two other Palestinian universities closed voluntarily to avoid protests.

### Sniping continues around Beirut camp

BEIRUT (R) — Sniper fire wounded two Palestinian women on Monday as they protested in Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp against a food blockade by Shiite Amal militiamen, Palestinian sources said.

The sources said clashes with automatic rifles and mortar bombs flared overnight around the besieged camp in south Beirut, where at least 12,000 people live.

They said Amal snipers wounded the women. Amal said the camp was calm. Witnesses said gunfire could be heard Monday.

Sniping killed five unarmed people at nearby Shatila camp on Sunday when about 150 women and children marched to the edge of the camp to stage a similar protest, Greek-Canadian doctor Chris Giannou told Reuters by phone.

Amal fighters have ringed the camps since Oct. 29 and Dr. Giannou said conditions in Shatila, where 3,200 people are living in a few shelters, were "close to catastrophic."

He said there were severe shortages of food, clean water, medical supplies and fuel.

Amal announced last month it had lifted its blockade of the camp, but it still controls access.

Palestinians say more than 30 women have been killed by snipers at Bourj Al Barajneh while walking out to buy supplies.

Bourj Al Barajneh's popular committee issued a statement appealing to Brigadier Ghazi Karami, head of Syrian military intelligence in Lebanon, to "stop the bloodshed and killing, lift the Amal siege, get in supplies and evacuate the wounded."

### Qadhafi seeks Arab summit

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has called for an Arab summit meeting to discuss the Iran-Iraq war, the Palestinian problem and other issues, the semi-official Al Ittihad newspaper reported Monday.

Col. Qadhafi, who has not been to an Arab summit since 1978, said the meeting should be called as soon as possible and that he was willing to attend at any place, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) daily said in a report from Rabat, Morocco.

Col. Qadhafi recently sent messages on the issue to Arab leaders, the paper said.

Col. Qadhafi's appeal follows a cooling of Libyan support for Iran in its 6½-year-long war with Iraq and a rapprochement between Tripoli and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The last Arab summit was held in Casablanca, Morocco, in 1985. Algeria, Lebanon, South Yemen and Syria did not attend, while Libya was represented at a level

### Kuwait may seek Soviet help to protect oil tankers

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Kuwait may seek help from both the United States and the Soviet Union to protect its oil shipments in the Gulf, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Monday.

In another development, Iran's naval commander said his warships intercepted more than 1,000 cargo ships or oil tankers in the Gulf over the past year.

The United States already had offered to provide naval escorts to Kuwaiti ships, reportedly at Kuwait's request, but the MEES report was the first indication that Soviet help might also be sought.

The Nicosia-based economic weekly, which cited no sources in its report, said there was now a "distinct possibility" that an arrangement would be worked out to give Kuwaiti tankers a U.S. escort.

However, such protection would not be extended to non-oil cargo vessels, which can be subjected to search under international law, it said.

If Kuwaiti vessels are provided with U.S. escorts, Kuwait is likely to "balance this move with some initiative towards the Soviet Union," MEES said.

The newsletter said this could take the form of the chartering by Kuwait of Soviet tankers to transport Kuwaiti crude and products either to their ultimate destination or to transhipment points outside the Gulf.

Eight seamen were killed Saturday when an Iranian gunboat fired a missile at the Scdra, a petroleum products carrier that had just finished delivering on a charter contract for Kuwait.

The most recent vows by the United States to protect Gulf shipping followed the revelations that Iran deployed Chinese-made anti-ship missiles at the Strait of Hormuz.

### Egypt questions Libyan defectors

CAIRO (R) — Egypt, treading cautiously in its relations with Libya, on Monday questioned three Libyan air force defectors whose flight seemed likely to embarrass Tripoli.

Officials stayed silent on whether the government would decide whether to grant political asylum to the trio, the second group of Libyans to flee to Egypt this month.

Foreign diplomats predicted that the new defectors would further embarrass Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, whose forces have suffered military reverses in Chad.

A Cairo-based exile group, the National Front for the Salvation of Libya, said the officers' flight in a Chinook transport helicopter from a Libyan base to an airport in western Egypt on Sunday showed the armed forces rejected Col. Qadhafi's rule.

Cairo, apparently not wishing to provoke Tripoli, reported the new defections without fanfare. It screened a brief interview on television Sunday night with the

head of state.

The Libyan news agency JANA reported from Tripoli that Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi met with Col. Qadhafi, on Monday.

Mr. Klibi arrived in Tripoli on Sunday evening, then went into consultations with the Libyan colonel, JANA said.

No details of their talks were given.

Meanwhile, a Libyan convoy on Monday delivered a message from Col. Qadhafi to Bahrain's Emir Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency said the message, handed by Mofatt Al Ostai Omar, secretary-general of the people's congress (parliament), dealt with regional issues, developments in Chad and bilateral matters.

Mr. Mofatt delivered a message on Sunday to Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, while other Libyan envoys have been touring states on similar missions.

## PSD to acquire \$60m national computer network

By Jordan Times  
Staff Reporters

AMMAN — The Public Security Department (PSD) has finalised plans to purchase a central command, control and communications computer system designed to bring about a complete overhaul of the department's present documentation and data system.

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Turkish envoy reports on meeting with Papandreu

**BRUSSELS** (Agencies) — NATO Secretary-General Lord Carrington said Monday Greece had rejected his offer to try to help resolve a dispute with Turkey over oil exploration rights in the Aegean Sea on the alliance's sensitive southern flank.

He said in a statement that Turkey had accepted his offer of "good offices" issued on Friday after both nearly came to blows, but that Greece had decided it preferred to seek a solution through other channels.

"My offer, of course, remains on the table, and I have sent a further message to Greece and Turkey, appealing to both to continue to exercise the utmost restraint and to work towards a definite solution of the dispute," he added.

The crisis blew up last week after Turkey said it would search for oil round three Greek islands off its coast following an announcement by Greece that it planned to drill east of the island of Thassos.

A clash was avoided when a Turkish research vessel, which had originally planned to enter disputed waters, remained inside Turkish waters and accompanying warships pulled back. Turkey said it would not prospect outside its territorial waters, if Greece also refrained. Carrington's offer to help resolve the row came after an emergency meeting of EC ambassadors on Friday appealed for restraint and called on both sides to "avoid recourse to force at all costs."

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## Junblatt: British aides discuss Waite

**LONDON** (AP) — Lebanese Druze leader Walid Junblatt on Monday discussed with British officials the plight of missing envoy Terry Waite. After being quoted as saying he felt morally responsible for the disappearance.

Mr. Junblatt, whose militia had undertaken to protect Mr. Waite during the envoy's mission to Lebanon in January to try to secure the release of Western hostages, held a working lunch with Foreign Office Minister Timothy Renton.

Mr. Junblatt, who was due to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury

bury, the Most Rev. Robert Runcie was quoted earlier as saying he had "no idea if he (Waite) is alive or dead."

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## Iranian brothers stranded in no-mans-land

**ANKARA** (R) — The plight of two Iranian Christian brothers stranded in no-man's-land between Turkey and Syria for the past month has now been taken up by human rights workers, diplomatic sources said Monday.

Ernest and Antonio Panousci, 18 and 17, have been existing on the charity of passing truck drivers in the seven kilometers strip between the two border posts and were recently given a tent to sleep in, they said.

The brothers and their parents, who are legally in Turkey, applied in January for asylum in Britain but the Foreign Office in London had failed to respond, the sources said.

A Turkish government spokesman said the brothers served short prison terms for entering Turkey on false passports and were then deported for humanitarian reasons to Syria rather than Iran.

The United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees office in Ankara is now pressing Turkish authorities to readmit the brothers and interview them as possible refugees, the sources said.

The family claimed asylum on the grounds that they were persecuted in Iran as Chaldean Christians, a church in communion with Rome, and because the father is by profession a master brewer in an anti-alcohol country.

## 'Poindexter told Reagan of Iran cash for contras'

**NEW YORK** (R) — Former National Security Advisor John Poindexter told President Reagan on two occasions in 1986 that profits from arms sales to Iran were being diverted to Nicaraguan rebels, according to a report.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ARA earmarks funds for urgent projects

AQABA (Petra) — The Aqaba Region Authority (ARA) has decided to spend JD 195,000 on a number of urgent projects in Aqaba. The funds will finance the widening of streets, building walls around cemeteries, supplying electricity to one of the densely populated districts of the city and setting up a joint services council around the city of Aqaba. ARA Director General Bassam Qaqash made the announcement while on a tour of Rashidieh, Qweirah, Disi, Twicish and Mansheer where he held meetings with mayors and heads of local councils.

### PSD marks Al Israa Wal Mi'raj

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) Monday held a religious ceremony to celebrate Al Israa Wal Mi'raj (the Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey and ascension to Heaven). Addressing the ceremony, Sheikh Izzedin Al Khatib, the Kingdom's Mufti, said that the anniversary should remind Muslims of the holy status of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque and should help the Arabs to work in unity for liberating the holy places. The ceremony was attended by PSD Director Abdul Hadi Al Majali and senior PSD officers.

### Geographic centre director returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal National Geographic Centre (RNGC) Director General Ra'fat Al Majali returned to Amman on Monday after taking part in the 34th international conference on electronics and the 27th conference on astronomy, both held in Italy. Mr. Majali said that participants in the six-day conference discussed working papers on the applications of remote sensing in the fields of geology, hydrology, agriculture, marine sciences, underground water and weather. He added that the Jordanian delegation discussed with officials at the Italian satellite station the possibility of benefitting from the station's work. A similar conference will be held in Amman towards the end of this year at the invitation of the RNGC.

### Swedish group, JEA conclude seminar

AMMAN (I.T.) — A seminar involving the ASEA group, one of the largest industrial energy groups in Sweden, and the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) ended in Amman on Monday. The two sides discussed matters related to JEA plans for expansion and for possible linkage of national grids with Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The talks covered static and series compensation in transmission and distribution networks, supervisory control of power systems, power and distribution cables, and high voltage direct current technology. ASEA hopes to be able to supply appliances and also give advice on various JEA projects in cooperation with local Jordanian contractors.

### Australian envoy briefed on Disi scheme

AMMAN (Petra) — Australian Ambassador in Amman Terry Goggin Monday visited the Disi agricultural project in the southern region. Mr. Goggin was briefed by project officials on its role in the country's national economy.

### Military attaches tour JESORS projects

AMMAN (Petra) — A number of military attaches accredited to Jordan and their wives on Sunday visited the Jordan Economic and Social Organisation for Retired Servicemen (JESORS). They were briefed by the organisation's chairman of the board and director general, Mohammad Bashir, on its development and the social, agricultural and construction projects it has carried out since its establishment. The military attaches later toured the organisation's food processing plant, its cattle farm in Duleit and fish farm in Al Manshiyah.

### Jordan attends maritime assembly

JEDDAH (Petra) — Jordan is taking part in a meeting of the general constituent assembly of a federation of ship owners in Islamic countries which has been formed by the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). During the two-day meeting which opened on Monday in Jeddah, several subjects related to the federation's work, its administrative and financial affairs will be discussed by the delegates. The new federation aims at concentrating various Islamic countries' maritime operations. The federation groups: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Tunisia, Sudan, Palestine, Mauritania, Pakistan, Turkey, Bangladesh and Jordan.

### PSD to acquire \$60m computer system

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Lt.-Gen. Majali said there was no drug problem in Jordan, but "we are afraid of developing such a problem due to the country's geographical location, which is conducive to drug trafficking". He said although the number of drug addicts was still confined to a few hundreds, we are worried of becoming pushed into it since there are a lot of traders who want to get rid of their material, in addition to some Jordanian citizens who have returned after getting hooked to drugs abroad and a number of Arab and foreign drug addicts residing here."

Asked when the problem in Jordan might become potentially threatening, he said, "when I learn about students (in high schools and universities) using drugs... when the initiation of drug use starts in institutions." He conceded that theft ranked number one on the scale of crimes committed in Jordan Honour-related offences ranked second, he said.

Lt.-Gen. Majali, who assumed his position in July 1985, brushed aside suggestions that the rate of criminal activities was increasing due to unemployment, a wide gap between incomes and the average citizen's financial situation and the presence of almost 220,000 foreigners in the country. "The percentage of crimes has increased," he said, "but I don't think it has grown because of unemployment. The increase is absolutely reasonable and within the annual rate of the past five



CROWN PRINCE VISITS ARMY HQ: for a meeting with Armed Forces Commander in His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker (Petra photo) visits the Army General Headquarters in Amman

### Soviet team tours Amman, Jordan Valley

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the Supreme Soviet met here Monday with Greater Amman Mayor Abdur Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh and were briefed on the history and development of Amman. Mr. Rawabdeh said that influxes of refugees from Palestine since 1948 swelled the population of Amman and added that the capital's inhabitants now number nearly one million.

Mr. Rawabdeh also presented a briefing on the development and service programmes which the Greater Amman Municipality intends to carry out from now until the year 2005, and he presented the delegation with a book on Amman's development over the past 50 years. The Soviet delegation presented the mayor with a token gift.

After the meeting, the delegation, accompanied by Mr. Rawabdeh, toured the Roman Amphitheatre, the popular art museum downtown and Al Hashimieh public square. They also visited the Marka Housing project which is being carried out by the Urban Development Department to provide housing and services for low-income families.

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The delegation concluded their tour with a visit to the Dead Sea area where they saw tourist and natural attractions.

### Vets send memo to Rifai

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Veterinarians Association has submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Zaid Rifai detailing the problems and difficulties facing the association and urging the government to issue specific laws and regulations to organise the practice of veterinary medicine in Jordan.

The memorandum said that 40 per cent of the total number of 340 registered veterinarians now practice their profession in Jordan and this requires specific laws to regulate their practice. An appeal in this respect was submitted to the prime minister's office by the association five years ago but no action was taken at that time, the memorandum said. It referred to a recent study by the prime minister's legal office and the memo said that the study provided for the enactment of a law on the veterinary profession but that unforeseen factors have been holding up a government decision with a token gift.

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**Khatib meets Bahraini troupe**

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Culture Mohammad Al Khatib Monday conferred in his office with a visiting Bahraini folkloric troupe for discussions on cultural and artistic cooperation between Bahrain and Jordan. The minister spoke about the potential of Arab culture and scopes of cooperation between Arab states and he called for stepped up coordination in theatre work among Arab artists and playwrights.

The delegation outlined the development of theatre and cultural activities in Bahrain and pre-

sented the minister with a token gift on the occasion of their visit to Jordan. Mr. Haidar Mahmoud, the director general of the Department of Culture and Arts, was present at the meeting.

The Bahraini team represents Al Jazira club which was established in Manama in 1974. Its members are presently visiting Jordan at the invitation of the Department of Culture and Arts and are presenting a play on the Zionist domination of the world economy and the consequences on the Third World.

**First north to south charity walk starts from Ramtha tomorrow**

By Najwa Najjar  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — After months of preparation the sponsored march across the Kingdom will begin tomorrow and to raise funds for needy neurological patients, two Jordaniens will tackle the unprecedented feat of walking the 423 kilometres from north to south. People from all walks of life have also come together for charity, the exercise and the "fun of it."

The walk kicks off from the public hospital in Ramtha at 10:00 a.m. Vicken Dakessian, Ali Pharaon and Halim Abu Rahme (who will all walk 210 kilometres) will cover 48 kilometres the first day, expecting to finish at 7:00 p.m. near the Zarqa River Basin in Jarash district. Various clubs and students and professors from Yarmouk University who have registered for the walk will accompany them.

The money raised will be for the establishment of a charitable fund for needy neurological patients at the Palestine Hospital in Amman. The fund may improve patient's chances of overcoming their disease since it is often a lack of funds which prevent early detection and treatment of such diseases, according to doctors at the hospital.

It is hoped that when the walk

## Majali outlines new framework of public security operations

AMMAN (I.T.) — Public Security Department (PSD) Director Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali on Monday briefed journalists on the administration and activities of the directorate and its new framework of operations.

During the Monday Press Circle, Lt.-Gen. Majali outlined the organisational structure of the PSD and the idea behind setting up security centres in districts of the Kingdom. He noted that the Public Security Directorate has undergone a major change since this administration came into office and said this basic change, and probably the main driving force behind all other changes, has been the introduction of a new concept into the organisation, and a new philosophical framework within which to operate. The concept of "comprehensive security," he continued, has been used to define the nature and the scope of PSD's role in society.

Lt.-Gen. Majali said the mission of the police force is realised not only through traditional crime prevention and law enforcement, but through a process aimed at strengthening the interaction between the police organisation and the society it serves, on the basis of the following principles:

1. Reviving the social and civic roles of the police officer, and adding these to his traditional administrative and judicial duties.

2. Strengthening the relationship between the police officer and his local community, and encouraging the public to take an active part in crime prevention.

3. Facilitating transactions between the public and various service institutions, by acting as a conduit through which the public can interact with the authorities.

4. Involving the public in the resolution of all social problems relating to or emanating from security issues.

5. Willing to act as a representative of other security agencies, and coordinating efforts with them when addressing security related matters.

6. Acting as a liaison between the public and the various government authorities, assisting each side in expressing its viewpoint and for channelling energies in the same direction that of the public good.

7. Meeting the needs of the society by ensuring a high standard of service and a fast response to most situations, such response not exceeding a few minutes in most cases.

8. Ensuring that sufficient resources exist within the organisation to give nationwide service in all areas of jurisdiction, without the need to depend on other agencies to perform the required tasks.

9. Defining an overall strategic plan to ensure that security prevails, and developing goals and objectives for the authorities to adopt in order to support such a plan, and coordinating with the various organisations and institutions involved in the maintenance of such a plan.

He went to explain that in order to enact this philosophy of comprehensive security, the idea for establishing security centres was initiated to be the smallest organisational unit within the Public Security organisation. The centres, he said, offer all the services available at the PSD, and even some that are not, adding that each centre has a limited and well-defined geographical jurisdiction to ensure a high quality of service.

Although security centres are the smallest unit in the organisational structure, nonetheless they have an abundance of functions to perform, and enjoy a high degree of autonomy in their operations, only looking to the higher echelons within the structure.

**Tools of the trade**

With the structure of the organisation redefined within the framework of comprehensive security, the PSD director said various tools are needed for the organisation to perform its tasks.

1. Recruitmen programmes requiring the selection of highly qualified personnel, including a requirement that all officer recruits be college graduates, and all non-commissioned officers be high school or vocational college graduates.

2. Training programmes which include professional training programmes for existing personnel, as well as newly developed programmes for new recruits.

3. In the area of vehicles and equipment, a major re-evaluation of existing resources has been conducted, and all vehicles below a certain standard of acceptance have been replaced by new ones.

4. Technical equipment for the criminal investigations laboratory, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department, the data processing department, as well as many other departments have been introduced to improve the quality of service offered by these departments.

5. The standard and quality of buildings and operational sites has been reconsidered, and many new building projects have been implemented.

6. The traditional weapons used by the police, and the various weapon training programmes have been re-evaluated, and replaced by modern equipment and programmes.

7. In the area of command and control, a major effort is underway to implement a nationwide command, control, communications and intelligence system (or what is usually referred to as C3I) which will allow the PSD to offer a very high standard of service to the public, while maintaining a very high degree of information control.



### BMW 7 Series wins the 1987 Car Design Award

In honour of the valuable role Turin currently plays in world car design, the Region of Piedmont and the City of Turin established an international award to be assigned every year to the designer or design team whose contribution to car design is deserving of recognition.

Comune di Torino  
Regione Piemonte 1984

The Turin/Piedmont Car Design Award for 1987 was given to the BMW design team around Claus Luthe for the new BMW 7 Series.

The international jury of eleven editors of car and design magazines nominated the BMW 7 Series "for its attractive, functional and aerodynamic design and elegant engineering of constructional details all put together in a still characteristic BMW appeal."

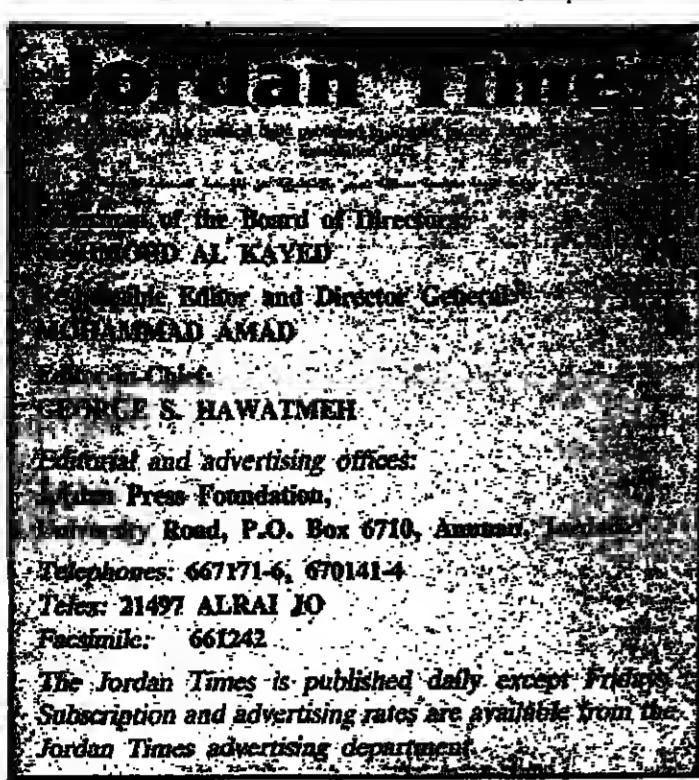
Rumours up were the Audi 80, Opel Omega and Volvo 480 ES.

The international jury consists of the editors of

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The trophy, a silver sculpture, showing a model of the disc of a wheel fairing, will be assigned to the BMW design team by the Mayor of Turin and the President of the Piedmont Region at the 57th International Motor Show in Geneva.



## Master of the Shouf takes stock

Francoise Chipaux of *Le Monde* interviews Walid Jumblatt

MUKHTARA — "We're back to square one. It's a new phase in the Lebanon war." In a reception room at his palace at Mukhtara, an imposing 16th century building perched on a crag with the snow-capped peaks of Mount Lebanon in the distance, Walid Jumblatt, leader of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) and unchallenged leader of the Druze community, totted up the record of recent events in West Beirut. And he did so without illusions.

Like a sign of destiny, Syrian troops entered the largely Muslim section of the Lebanese capital for the second time just three weeks before the tenth anniversary of the assassination of his father, Kamal Jumblatt, on March 16, 1977.

A few hours earlier at a bend in the road leading to the now dynamited village of Deir Durut, where Kamal Jumblatt, then the all-powerful head of the Lebanese National Movement (a coalition of parties allied to the Palestinians), was killed, the young Druze leader, hailed by a crowd who held him in reverence, unveiled a commemorative plaque to his father. Driven out of West Beirut when Syrian troops entered it after a week of violent clashes, his militia today bears an honoured role. While a detachment of the PSP's military police, dressed in olive green battle dress, red berets and white gloves and holding rifles with fixed bayonets, presented arms, hundreds of militiamen, including former Beirut neighbourhood bosses, chanted: "We offer you our blood to protect you, Walid Bey."

Was he expecting Damascus to retaliate? "Whatever happens will happen. I wasn't expecting it. But the Syrians were furious. They thought that Arafat and I were involved in a plot. Today we're being branded as Israeli Arafatists" and the Lebanese Communist Party is accused of being a front for Mossad in Lebanon. It's ridiculous, stupid."

What could be expected from the Syrian "pacification" of West Beirut? "Pacifying Beirut without a political overview is very risky," pointed out Jumblatt. "We hope this return will be positive. But the political facts of the war have not changed. Israel is at Jezzin (15 kilometres from Mukhtara). Amin Gemayel and the (Phalanx) isolationist bloc are still there. The Americans are waiting. Will Israel take advantage of the situation to get the Syrians enmeshed? Syria has been trying for 12 years to work out a political compromise with Christian ex-

tremists. It's not possible. It's as if Syria had reached a political agreement with the Muslim Brotherhood at Hama." (In February 1982, Syria bloody crushed a Muslim Brotherhood uprising killing at least 10,000.)

"The Christians are not Falangists," he noted, "but the Falangists are still Falangists."

Amin Gemayel, Geagea (leader of the Christian militia unit known as the Lebanese Forces), Chamoun, they're all the same, bar a few minor differences."

Jumblatt was quite clear on the question of the fate of the Palestinians, a delegation of whom was present at Mukhtara: "I believe that an armed Palestinian element is necessary in Lebanon for the Palestinian and Lebanese cause. The Palestinians need to be armed so they can guarantee their survival and continue their struggle, though in a different way than pre-1982. But they cannot be reduced to the status of refugees under the Lebanese army's heel."

"The biggest handicap for everybody is Arafat's attitude towards Syria and Syria's towards Arafat. Now there isn't a chance of Assad and Arafat agreeing. Arafat is going off course, stupidly, as usual. Peres is not going to hand Jerusalem over to him any more than my friend King Hussein is going to give him Amman. The road to Palestine runs through Moscow and Washington. Arafat is in too much of a hurry. I can understand that. I know him well. But I don't see Palestine becoming a reality for the next generation. It's a new crusade."

Did he have a solution for the war of the camps which still continues? "A peace plan in Beirut cannot survive with the war of the camps. Arafat has done what he wanted to do. He has partly succeeded, but it's time to stop for the sake of these wretched refugees in Shatila and Bourj al-Barajeb who are dying."

At any rate, the struggle against the Palestinians, said Jumblatt, was responsible for the break with Amal. "Since the first 1985 war of the camps, our

alliance with the Shi'ite movement had been vulnerable. The war of the camps caused a split. In any case, it's difficult to forge an alliance between the Druze and Shi'ite communities. But perhaps an alliance may be possible between the PSP and Amal as political parties."

For the 38-year-old Walid Jumblatt, who inherited the dynastic leadership of the Druze community as well as his father's Arab nationalist aspirations, the rise of the Hezbollah is all the more dangerous as it parallels Christian "extremism." "I'm continuing my father's struggle for Arabism," he said. "But unfortunately, with the Maronites looking to the West and the Shi'ites turning to Persia, what's going to be left of Arabism in Lebanon? Time is not on our side. Religious movements are springing up. Political parties are being driven to the south of Lebanon and are replaced by Iran, a fanatical Muslim Iran which has money."

"The Hezbollah movement owes an explanation on the relations between the United States and Iran. The American arms deliveries to Iran are a very shady business. I understand the case of the hostages is a human problem that needs to be settled. But there's a political issue that's more important than Terry Waite (the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury's special emissary who disappeared in Lebanon two months ago) and the others. There have always been relations between Persia and the Jews. It's a constant. Persia would like to have an outlet on the Mediterranean."

Can Syria tolerate the influence of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement? "I don't think it's in Syria's strategic interest to have an Islamic government in Lebanon. That's a danger. Syria cannot accept it. But it has other considerations, like the Gulf war, for example."

Where relations with Syria are concerned — they are strained, to say the least — Jumblatt wanted to be realistic. "We have the sea, Israel and Syria," he said. "We chose Syria for reasons of tradition and self-interest. Forty days after my father's death (assassinated 50 metres from a Syrian roadblock), I went to Damascus in spite of everything that had happened. We're Arabs and Damascus is important for us. We Druzes have always been the border guards of Islam and Arabism. We'll never be Israel's border guards. Who wants to be that? Stupidly enough, certain Maronites and now certain Shi'ites."

Ten years after Kamal Jumblatt's assassination, how did he assess the record of his own political experience? "I think I have more or less brought my father's dreams and hopes to fruition. We have a party and institutions. Before now, there was one man. And in addition we now have our



Walid Jumblatt

own small militia (the best trained in Lebanon which gets direct Soviet help on weapons) and that's the most important guarantee. If I become a road accident casualty (a reference to his father who was machine-gunned in his car), it's important there should be someone else to take up the reins."

It is a pragmatism he badly needs to steer his way among the pitfalls. Until such time as these hypothetical political reforms (in which he has hardly any confidence for the moment) come to pass, Walid Jumblatt, now the sole master of the Shouf mountain — the Christians were driven out in September 1983 — is developing the Druze's territory and protecting his community's interests as well as he can.

## LETTERS

### Setting the record straight

To the Editor:

ALLOW me to comment on some points of your editorial "Aegean dispute lives on" (Jordan Times, March 30, 1987), which may have led to some misconceptions regarding the dispute over the continental shelf of the Aegean:

1. The crisis in the Aegean of last week would have not arisen if Turkey had accepted Greece's longstanding proposal to refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Already the undersecretary of the ministry of foreign affairs in the Greek government summoned the Turkish ambassador in Athens on March 26, 1987 and again proposed to submit the dispute to the International Court of Justice.

Greece, as it has stated many times in the past, is ready to enter into negotiations with Turkey so that this dispute, which is of a strictly legal nature, is settled through the proposed impartial judicial procedure.

2. The substance of the dispute is not the question of the 12-mile limit of territorial waters, but the delimitation of the continental shelf. According to the U.N. Law of the Sea, agreed upon in 1982 by almost all nations of the World, islands have their own continental shelf. So Greece's stand is based upon International Law, Conventional and Customary, as well as existing international practice.

3. It is not true that Greece declared its intention to drill for oil off Thassos island. The declared intention was that of the chairman of a foreign oil-consortium which has a concession in this respect.

The Greek government has submitted to Parliament, as a matter of urgency, a draft law which authorizes it to buy the shares of the foreign consortium and therefore the question of "how, where and when" drilling takes place will be a decision of the Greek government and nobody else. Thus, the statements of the foreign consortium chairman had not any value and cannot be taken as an excuse for the Turkish reaction, as the Turkish government has been officially notified about the Greek intention.

I hope that moderation will prevail upon the other side so that a solution could be found to the above dispute based on International Law, thus eliminating this cause of friction.

Hannibal Vellidis  
Ambassador of Greece  
Amman

## Taiwan: Next target of China's reunification

By Kathy Chang  
The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — With negotiations finally completed on the return of Hong Kong and Macao to China, all eyes have turned to Taiwan, the final but much more difficult target of Chinese reunification.

Britain and Portugal, which found their colonial rule of Hong Kong and Macao increasingly untenable with Chinese calls for reunification, accepted the "one country, two systems" resolution.

Taiwan, however, is ruled by the Chinese Nationalist Party, which fled to the island in 1949 after being defeated by the Communists in a civil war of the mainland. The Nationalists still claim to be the rightful ruler of all China and reject all Communist overtures as "sugar-coated poison."

Hu Fu, professor of politics of National Taiwan University, said most Taiwan residents "don't want a Communist system, and don't even want to consider the pattern of 'one country, two systems'" afraid of what it would mean for the thriving economy.

Taiwan's per capita income of \$3,748 last year was about 10 times the per capita income of mainland China.

Although a Communist invasion of Taiwan is considered unlikely, many people believe China would take military action if

"If the Communists use military force, I believe most people will fight against them," Hu said. "Reunification with Taiwan is a much more difficult goal than Hong Kong and Macao."

Hu predicted a lengthy stalemate, but said the Nationalists might enter talks with the mainland on certain practical issues.

Taiwan might eventually discuss transportation and family visits, but not reunification, Hu said.

But a ranking government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said greater international pressure to enter reunification talks was likely with the completion of negotiations over Hong Kong and Macao.

"More and more foreigners will take into account that talks can solve reunification problems, and the pattern of 'one country, two systems'" could end military confrontation," he said.

"But we are a sovereign state and we will not accept provisions which apparently downgrade this country to a local government under Communist China," he said.

Opposition lawmaker Chin Lien-Hui said that an option to having to choose between the status quo or Communist rule would be the establishment on Taiwan of a country of permanent neutrality.

Democratic Progressive Party spokesman Yon Ching said his party does not believe the Communist overtures and has no plans to talk with the Chinese leaders.

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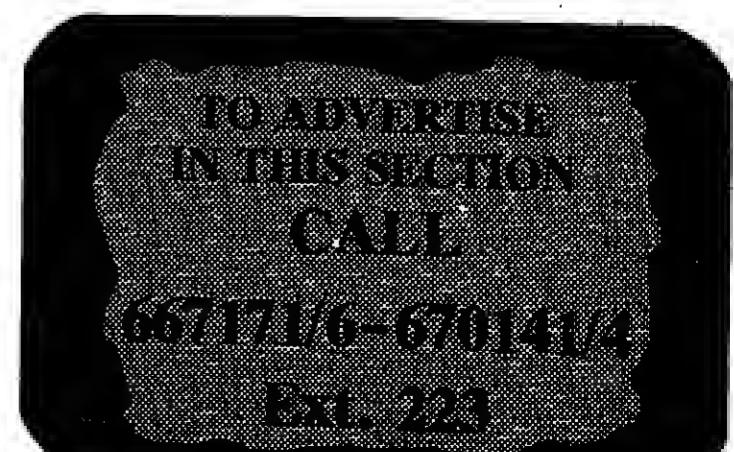
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## Mandlikova romps to easy win in Washington tourney

FAIRFAX, Virginia (R) — Top-seeded Hana Mandlikova duly ended unseeded Barbara Potter's run of surprise victories in the \$150,000 Washington Women's Tennis Tournament with a 6-4, 6-2 win in the final.

The Czechoslovak Australian Open champion, who has not dropped a set all week, claimed her third title of the year with another confident and competent display against her fellow 25-year-old.

Potter, ranked 35th in the world, started well and dropped only one point in her first three service games.

But after Mandlikova broke serve with a forehand passing shot for a 4-3 first set lead, any hopes Potter had of repeating her win over fourth-seed Zina Garrison began to fade.

Mandlikova held her own serve with an ace to go 5-3 up and then secured the first set in the 10th game with two service winners.

Potter had no answer to Mandlikova in the second set as the fourth-ranked player romped into a 5-0 lead.

The American staged a brief revival in the sixth game when she saved a match point with a forehand winner and went on to



Hana Mandlikova ... stoops to conquer

Czechoslovak reeled off three accurate winners on the way to securing the \$30,500 first prize Sunday night in the eight game.

## Malta holds Portugal to 2-2 draw

FUNCHAL, Madeira (R) — Malta's mainly part-time side held Portugal to a 2-2 draw in a European Soccer Championship qualifying match to gain its first-ever away point of the competition.

The visitor could just as easily have won the Group Two game as it was 2-1 ahead with only 14 minutes left when Jorge Placido spared Portugal's blushes with a swerving 20-metre shot high into the net.

The shock result left third-placed Portugal in a bone-dry position five points adrift of leader Italy while Malta, the perennial punchbag side of Europe,

celebrated its first away point since entering the championship 25 years ago.

Portugal began the Sunday night match slowly, allowing Malta's defence plenty of time to organise, though poor marking gave Placido a free header from a Velooso cross in the 12th minute.

Apparently thinking Placido's effort was going wide, keeper Cuetto failed to move and watched the ball go in off a post.

Malta was seldom troubled after that and its growing confidence in counter-attacking paid off 11 minutes later when Mizzi scored from the penalty spot after a team-mate was pushed in a

goalmouth scramble.

Twenty-one minutes after the interval Malta shocked the home crowd in the Atlantic holiday island of Madeira when it took the lead through a well-taken goal by Carmel Bussuti.

Placido's late goal did little to dampen the jay of the Maltese players, who leapt about the field as if they had won the championship when the final whistle went.

Then the little-known 29-year-old American fired a magnificent tee-shot to within five feet of the pin at the 135-yard, par-three 17th as Lyle played safe and

## Young Belgian star heads for Internazionale Milan

BRUSSELS, (R) — Enzo Scifo, Anderlecht's Belgian international midfielder, will sign for Internazionale Milan before the end of this week for more than 100 million Belgian francs (\$2.7 million), Anderlecht manager Michel Verschueren said Monday.

Verschueren told Reuters only minor problems remained in negotiations between Scifo, 21, and the two clubs, but there was no doubt a deal would be clinched.

Scifo, whose precocious skills won him the Belgian Player of the Year award at the age of 18 and made him a crowd favourite, is likely to replace West German Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who is

due to leave Milan at the end of this season.

Scifo's transfer comes just two weeks after Anderlecht was knocked out of the European Champions' Cup by West German Bayern Munich.

Contacts between Scifo, a Belgian of Italian extraction, and the Italian club started two years ago.

Scifo has won 24 caps. He was an important member of the Belgian team which reached the World Cup semifinals in Mexico last year.

Born of Sicilian parents, he changed his nationality to Belgian to play in the national squad at the 1984 European Championships in France.

## Britain's Lyle wins TPC golf in sudden-death playoff

PONTE VEDRA, Florida (R) — Britain's Sandy Lyle captured the prestigious \$1 million Tournament Players' Championship (TPC) when he beat American Jeff Sluman on the third hole of a dramatic sudden-death playoff.

In 1985 British Open champion rolled home a six-foot putt to par the third extra hole — the tough 440-yard, par-four 18th — and win the \$180,000 first prize and its valuable 10-year qualifying exemption from the PGA tour.

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But as Sluman steadied himself for a match-winning birdie attempt, a prankster from the gallery dived into the lake surrounding the green and clearly disturbed the American's concentration.

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Sluman returned to the address after composing himself but allowed his putt to drift right and the pair halved the hole and moved on to the 18th at darkness began to fall.

Then they played identical second shots to the pin and both ended up a yard apart off the back of the green.

Lyle seemed to have made another error when he chipped well past the hole. But Sluman squandered the opportunity by not chipping far enough and leaving himself a 10-foot uphill effort for par.

It was his first mistake of the day and one which cost him dear. He rolled his putt four feet past the cup as Lyle stepped up to slot home his effort and clinch victory.

Cheever, who was banished to the second row of the grid and fined \$5,000 for failing to sign on

## Platini's future in 'hands of God,' says Juventus

TURIN, Italy (R) — Italian soccer champion Juventus is taking legal action to try to keep veteran French international midfielder Michel Platini next season, Club Chairman Giampiero Boniperti said Monday.

"The matter is in the hands of our lawyers," Boniperti told Reuters.

Juventus is contesting an Italian Soccer Federation decision that only two foreign players be allowed at each club on the grounds that it contravenes European Community rules on workers' freedom of movement.

"All we are doing is trying to follow the laws of the EEC," Boniperti said.

Welsh international striker Ian Rush is due to join Juventus next season and the club still has Dane Michael Laudrup on its books, but it also wants to keep Platini, who has been playing some sparkling football during the last few league games.

"It is not as if we want six or seven foreign players," Boniperti said. "But nothing is clear yet, everything has still to be discussed and Platini's future is in the hands of God."

The Juventus case could be heard in the European high court if the Italian federation refuses to change its rule.

The Federation decided to keep its two-player restriction after loathing from poorer clubs who say rich teams like Juventus will be able to buy in the most expensive European talent.

## Jaguar wins sportscar championship

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain (R) — American Eddie Cheever and Brazilian co-driver Raul Boesel gave Jaguar its second successive World Sportscar Championship win after six hours of hard racing in Andalusia.

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## Pakistan fears violence in India during cricket cup

NEW DELHI (R) — Crowd violence marred the Pakistan cricket squad's recent triumphant tour of India, and its manager and captain fear serious law and order problems at Indian venues for the World Cup in October.

The first test was originally scheduled for Ahmedabad from Jan. 30, but was shifted to Madras after another round of sectarian violence in Ahmedabad, in India's western Gujarat state.

"Zimbabwe plays India at Ahmedabad and New Zealand faces India at Nagpur, and I can tell you they will be far less tolerant of this kind of behaviour than us," Ahmed said.

Imran Khan told reporters at Jamshedpur, where his team played its last match, that he had feared serious injury to his men during the tour and advised Indian cricket officials to impose some form of punishment on misbehaving crowds.

Khan took his team off the field temporarily at Ahmedabad after some of the 25,000-strong crowd hurled stones and bottles at Pakistani players.

Play was disrupted for 50 minutes before Indian batsman Dara Gavaskar cooled tempers by reminding spectators that they were in the native state of Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of non-violence.

Ahmedabad police, who did not intervene for fear of worsening the situation, said later an anticipated full house of 60,000 for a World Cup tie could be beyond their control.

Bell managed to finish third, despite losing fourth gear halfway through the race, behind both factory Porsches faltered. The lead car driven by West German Joachim Mass and France's Bob Wollek suffered a broken transmission and the Porsche of world champion Derek Bell of Britain and West German partner Hans Stuck had gearbox problems.

The Spanish Grand Prix track was littered with crashed and abandoned cars behind the eight finishers of the 23 starters of the 1,000-kilometre race.

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**Dollar, Tokyo stocks nosedive**

TOKYO (R) — The dollar nosedived against the yen in Tokyo Monday and the stock market tumbled as fears of an all-out trade war between the United States and Japan triggered panic selling by investors, dealers said.

With Tokyo running out of options to cut its trade surplus and placate Washington, dealers said the only way out might be unilateral action by the United States to bring Japan to heel.

Just the hint of that possibility was enough to send Japanese investors scurrying to unload dollars and domestic shares Monday, especially in those companies likely to be worst hit by any U.S. action.

Last week, Washington decided to slap \$300 million in tariffs on Japanese electronic goods from April 17 because of Tokyo's alleged failure to live up to their agreement on trade in computer microchips.

Although both sides are doing their best to play down the dispute — U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige Sunday predicted the chip row would be settled soon — investors are not willing to take any chances, dealers said.

Battered by waves of Japanese selling, the dollar plunged to a record low 144.70 yen at one point Monday, before staging a slight recovery to end the day at 146.20, still nearly three yen below its close here on Friday.

The dollar also lost ground against the West German mark, shedding 1½ pennings from here at 1.8010.

The dollar's plunge and mounting friction between the United States and Japan over computer chips stopped last week's rally in Tokyo share prices dead in its tracks, brokers said. The stock market average ended 550.45 points lower at 21,671.57.

Dealers said the currency market shrank off perhaps as much as \$2 billion worth of Bank of Japan intervention as it relentlessly drove the currency lower in the belief that was the only solution to the U.S.-Japan trade problem.

A lower dollar would make American goods more competitive on world markets while increasing the price of imports into the United States.

Only last-minute comments by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone saved the dollar from ending

at a record low against the yen, dealers said.

Mr. Nakasone told parliament that the Group of Six industrialised nations — Britain, Canada, France, Japan, the United States and West Germany — had agreed in Paris last month to hold the dollar above 150 yen.

Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa weighed in with the observation that each of the six had aggressively intervened in the market to try to ensure that it had

its later told Japanese reporters he expected the dollar to rebound as soon as domestic investors stopped dumping the U.S. currency.

Although Mr. Nakasone's comments continued to give the dollar support as the European trading day began, dealers in Hong Kong saw them as a sign of weakness rather than strength. "I think Nakasone is desperate," said a foreign exchange manager for a U.S. bank.

That feeling is widespread in the market and means Japan will probably have as little luck convincing the foreign exchange market as it does in placating the U.S. Congress, trade analysts said.

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**World loses — or misplaces — \$388 billion**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first half of the 1980s the world lost — or may be just misplaced — more than \$388 billion, according to figures collected by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

It calls this sum a "discrepancy," something like the money you can't find in examining your monthly bank statement against the cancelled checks.

Adding up the figures of their 151 member countries, the fund's bookkeepers totalled \$388 billion in debts than in credits for the years 1980 through 1984.

The discrepancy began to show in the late 1970s, peaking at \$113.9 billion in 1982. Though the total has gone down since, a report that the fund plans to publish in June will say it is still large.

The last figure available is for 1984: \$95.8 billion.

Because the sums are so big, the IMF is worried. It points out that they cast doubt on all its

huge compilations of statistics, on the conclusions it draws about the world's economic situation and on its suggestions on what to do about it.

So three years ago, it appointed a "working party" headed by Mr. Pierre Esteva, a high-level official in the French ministry of finance, to look for the money or at least to come up with some ideas about what happened to it. A summary of their work appeared earlier this month in the IMF survey, a fund publication.

Investment income turned out to be a major problem.

Countries receiving capital were able to identify and record income payments, while countries whose residents placed funds

abroad had an incomplete record of receipts," the summary said.

The summary does not mention capital flight, the widespread practice of people in countries with shaky economies sending their money somewhere safe without telling their own governments about it.

They often choose the United States or Switzerland. That way they lose nothing if their governments devalue their currencies. And often, their buying power increases significantly if they bring their money home after the devaluation.

Capital flight is illegal in some places; in others it's just considered "portfolio diversification."

Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., based in New York, estimates that between 1983 and 1985, wealthy people in 10 Latin American debtor countries sent \$44.2 billion abroad.

Nor does the summary mention sending money abroad that has

been earned through drug sales or other illicit activity. People in those businesses avoid close contact with their countries' trade officials.

Legitimate businesses also may fail to report. The U.S. General Accounting Office, which makes investigations for Congress, said earlier this month that it surveyed 1,679 businesses and found 559 of them listed smaller amounts of interest and dividends on their income tax returns than they actually received.

Another problem is posed by "offshore" financial centres — places like Liechtenstein and the Cayman Islands, where the government make a point of knowing nothing about businesses registered under their laws. They "complicate the tracing of funds," the summary said.

So do new financial devices that shift assets from banks to "nouhanks" such as pension

funds and insurance companies. "The debtor often does not know whether the creditor is a resident or nonresident," the summary complains.

The Esteva group found other sources of discrepancies.

Shipowners in Greece, Hong Kong and Eastern Europe failed to report the money they made on freight or the international spending of their fleets, it said.

It also had trouble with some official bodies, which pay out money without getting a tangible return.

"On the official side, much of the discrepancy results from a lack of data on the operations of international institutions, especially of the European Community," according to the summary.

Among its other financial activities, the European Community makes loans to Third World countries and transfers some funds among member governments.

**Economist sees difficult task in linking Gulf Arab currencies**

BAHRAIN (R) — Gulf Arab states must coordinate monetary policies if they are to link their currencies in a common framework and achieving this may not be easy, Gulf International Bank said Monday.

Economist Henry Azzam said differing national priorities among the Gulf states and varying abilities to control domestic liquidity may make an agreement difficult to support.

But he added agreement on a system, including the possible break of a traditional link with the dollar, would have many benefits for the Gulf region.

The six member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — have held a series of meetings this year to discuss a joint framework for their currencies.

The Gulf states have not indicated what common peg is to be chosen, but Mr. Azzam said the dollar can be ruled out because of the disruption caused to economies by its recent sharp fall.

He said pegging the six Gulf currencies to the SDR would also have disadvantages since the weighting of the components — the dollar, yen, mark, sterling and French franc — does not necessarily reflect Gulf countries' trading patterns.

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Mr. Azzam said the predominant dollar peg in the past has led to sizeable capital outflows from the Gulf and placed upward pressure on domestic interest rates to prevent funds being invested in higher-yielding dollar instruments.

One problem remains: restrictions placed on the Saudi riyal and Kuwaiti dinar by national authorities anxious to prevent internationalisation of their currencies.

Mr. Azzam said fixing a single peg to link the six currencies appears to be quite feasible.

He said he had no idea how many investors might be attracted to the flotation, but felt the "romance" of the company might appeal to small investors while the big London financial institutions would also find the shares attractive.

A pathfinder prospectus for people interested in buying shares in Rolls-Royce will be published early next month.

The authoritative oil weekly,

Oman's riyal is linked to the dollar at present, while the Saudi riyal, Bahraini dinar, Qatari riyal and UAE dirham are officially linked to the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Right (SDR) but in practice to the dollar.

Kuwait's dinar is pegged to a basket of currencies reflecting the nation's pattern of international trade.

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He said the new exchange rate policy would allow Gulf currencies to float vis-a-vis the dollar and introduce an exchange rate risk for investing in non-Gulf currencies. This would discourage

capital outflows.

A break from the dollar would also take pressure off monetary authorities to devalue and revalue currencies.

Meanwhile, a senior GCC official said the private sector could play a major role in developing the economies of member states by the drop in oil revenues.

Sheikh Abdallah Al Quwaiz,

GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs, told a seminar that private sector activity could include such projects as a joint firm to market the products of member states and establishment of a company to finance industrial and services projects.

Sheikh Quwaiz urged business men to invest in the petrochemical and metal industries, adding that GCC states had sound industrial and economic infrastructures, enabling the private sector to expand and contribute to regional economic growth.

But if people think of growth rates similar to those of the late 1970s and early 1980s, I hope they will not be disappointed if I tell them they are looking for a "mirage," Sheikh Quwaiz told the two-day seminar attended by some 300 delegates.

He said oil revenues of GCC member states dropped from a peak of \$156 billion in 1981 to \$60 billion last year because of falling prices while gross domestic product fell from \$203 billion in 1981 to \$170 billion in 1985.

**Developing nations struggle with commodity price slump**

LONDON (R) — Prospects for those Third World nations whose economies rely on basic commodities can seldom have looked so grim.

The bad news, says experts on the commodity trade, is that glut may persist in everything from petroleum, through metals such as copper and tin, to farm produce, coffee, cocoa, sugar and vegetables. There is even a plastic glut.

Dire forecasts of raw materials shortages by the year 2,000, made only a decade ago, seem to have been nonsense.

The majority of Third World nations rely on commodities, and the picture is of over-supply, with frantic efforts by producers to limit the output of the OPEC oil group and set output quotas to buoy sagging prices.

Commodity traders generally say that OPEC hit them hard in the 1970s when soaring oil prices tilted the affluent West into recession. But they say that revived expansion in recent years has failed to improve demand for commodities in the way rebounds for the global economy did in the past.

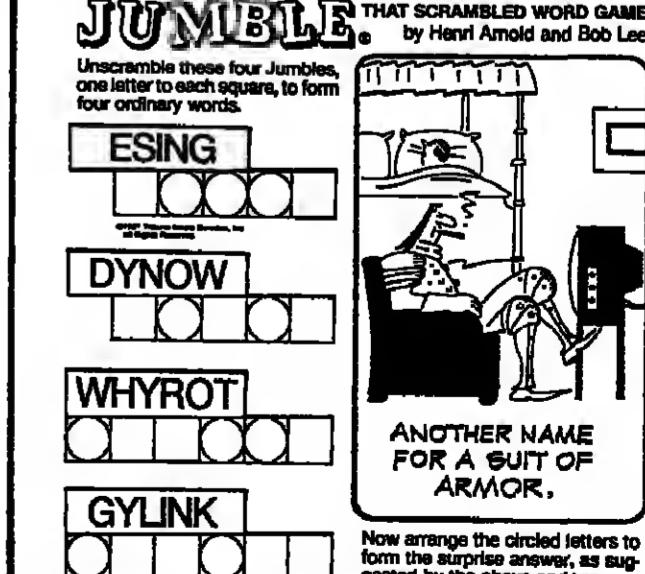
The drop in commodity prices is no longer just a cyclical phenomenon, it's a structural one," Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumahadja told Reuters.

"Growth is not very metal-intensive now," Mr. Tony Murray, at Consultants Commodities Research Unit in London said. Countries with advanced economies now use less metal, because much new activity is in the service sector.

Computers make more use of plastics and silicas than metals.

Experts polled by Reuters were mostly gloomy about the price prospects for zinc, copper, lead, nickel, tin and aluminum.

"We don't think demand will rise significantly in the next few years," metals analyst, Mr. Neil Buxton, at Shearson Lehman Brothers said. "We predict a growth in demand for base metals of between zero and two per cent a year for the next few years."

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# Aquino declares 'open season' on Communist rebel hit squads

MANILA (R) — President Corazon Aquino Monday declared "open season" on Communist assassins operating in Manila as guerrillas shot flaming arrows at government forces in one of several clashes reported to have killed 24 people.

Mrs. Aquino's spokesman, Teodoro Benigno, told reporters she wanted an open season against Communist hit squads in the capital and backed raids on suspected rebel safe houses.

"You cannot just gun down law enforcers in public and then forget the whole thing. You don't do those things," he said.

Police have blamed the murders of 12 policemen in metropolitan Manila in the past few weeks on hit squads known as "sparrow units" because of their swiftness.

No single major incident was reported by the military during the weekend, which coincided with the 18th anniversary of the rebel New People's Army, and

Armed Forces Chief General Fidel Ramos called the period generally quiet.

But the military said it had killed 11 rebels, including two New People's Army commanders, in three incidents. These included two operations against rebel strongholds in remote and mountainous parts of the country.

The state-run Philippine News Agency, reporting a series of isolated firefights over the past few days, said three government troopers and one civilian were killed by suspected rebels elsewhere around the country.

The army's major setback occurred in the remote northern

town of Isleta where rebels shot flaming, petrol-soaked arrows into a camp of the paramilitary civilian Home Defence Force — killing seven troopers as they fled from the flames.

Although reports of fighting can take days to reach military headquarters in Manila, defence sources said they saw no sign that the rebels had carried out pledges to celebrate their birthday with major attacks on government

offices.

"There were no major incidents," Gen. Ramos told reporters.

The capital police said they arrested several members of Communist hit squads in a series of raids on alleged rebel safe houses in Manila. The police also said they had shot and killed two rebels in a separate incident.

In a statement, the Partido Ng Bayan accused the authorities of conducting a deliberate campaign against its involvement in the May 11 general election.

were not urban guerrillas but ordinary political workers.

Party spokesman told reporters weapons seized in the raids had been planted by police. "The raid was a big propaganda event for the administration," one declared.

President spokesman Teodoro Aquino retorted: "In a war like this I don't think there are any prohibitions whatsoever."

Mr. Benigno said Mrs. Aquino had approved the raids.

Mr. Benigno quoted Mrs. Aquino as saying: "I feel the raids were justified so long as they can prevent the assassination of policemen and so long as they (the police) are very protective of the human rights of the people who are involved."

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## Seoul, Pyongyang agree to prime ministerial talks

TOKYO (R) — North Korea agreed Monday to a South Korean proposal for talks between the two countries' prime ministers and suggested a ministerial-level preparatory meeting on April 23.

North Korean Prime Minister Li Gun-Mo made the response in a letter to his southern counterpart Lho Shin-Yong, the North Korean Central News Agency, monitored here, said.

Mr. Lho had suggested the prime ministerial meeting in a letter on March 17, the agency said.

The agency said Mr. Li, assenting Monday to the meeting, added: "If the premiers' talks are held, the North and the South will be able to discuss all the wide range of problems indispensable to detente and then remove confrontation and distrust and successfully promote multi-channelled talks in a good atmosphere of reconciliation and unity."

Mr. Lho suggested holding the first round of preparatory talks at the Tongil Pavilion, on the northern side of the border village of Panmunjom.

In his March 17 letter, the

South Korean premier also proposed talks in Panmunjom this month on Pyongyang's plan for a huge dam and hydro-electric plant on the upper reaches of the Han River.

Seoul says the project could be used to cause catastrophic floods in the South as an invasion prelude.

'U.S. fears Soviets can decipher embassy codes'

NEW YORK (R) — U.S. officials fear the Soviet Union can decipher coded messages sent from the U.S. embassy in Moscow and elsewhere after two U.S. Marine guards let Soviet intelligence agents inside, Newsweek magazine has reported.

The magazine quoted unnamed Reagan administration officials as saying the embassy has reduced its radio and "secure" telephone communications because of the affair.

This has left it with only diplomatic pouches and "insecure" telephone lines, it said.

Newsweek quoted the officials as saying the communications situation could get worse when Secretary of State George Shultz visits Moscow on April 13 to discuss arms control and will need to talk in confidence with President Reagan back in Washington.

"It's as bad as you can imagine," one official was quoted as saying.

Marine Sergeant Clayton Lonetree and Corporal Arnold

Bracy, who face a court martial for spying and who could face the death penalty if found guilty, let Soviet KGB officers into the embassy at night on numerous occasions, according to charges against them.

The Marines then allowed them into the embassy communications centre where they examined "instruments, appliances, documents and writings," the magazine said.

Newsweek said that officials fear the Soviets now have the ability to decipher secret coded messages sent from the embassy and to break U.S. codes elsewhere in the world.

The New York Times said Monday Sergeant Lonetree gave conflicting accounts of his role in three interviews with investigators.

The newspaper cited 23 pages of declassified memoranda from investigators, made available by Lonetree's lawyer William Kunstler.

## Venezuelan police confirm capture of Italian extremist

CARACAS (R) — Venezuelan police has said they had captured right-wing Italian extremist Stefano Delle Chiaie, an explosives expert and disguise artist who has been a fugitive from justice in Europe for 17 years.

Delle Chiaie, 49, is wanted for a list of violent crimes, including an April, 1980 train bombing in Bologna in which more than 85 persons died. He was arrested Friday in a flat in the downtown Chacaito section of Caracas, after a 3-year police investigation.

Porfirio Valera, director of the Department of Intelligence, Security and Prevention (DISIP), told a news conference Delle Chiaie is one of the most wanted terrorists in Europe and has escaped capture in half a dozen countries.

"Do you know what he told us when we arrested him? He said 'congratulations,'" Valera told reporters.

Delle Chiaie, known as "Cacola," was arrested after attempting to flee the flat where he lived.

Haiti votes overwhelmingly for a new constitution

PONT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Haitians have voted overwhelmingly for a new constitution which includes a clause banning supporters of former dictators Francois and Jean-Claude Duvalier from holding office for 10 years,

Information Ministry official Anais Chavane told a news conference that of voters counted from 215 of Haiti's 1,496 polling stations, 99.81 per cent had been in favour of the constitution.

The military-civilian National Council of Government has ruled Haiti without a constitution since Jean-Claude Duvalier, son of Francois, fled the country on Feb. 7, last year after thousands of people took the streets in anti-Duvalier riots.

Many politicians challenge the legitimacy of the assembly but few condone its work, the 298-article constitution.

Key clauses prevent supporters or henchmen of Francois Duvalier or Jean-Claude from holding public office for 10 years.

Francois — known as "Papa Doc" — ruled the country from 1957 until his death in 1971, seven of those years as self-proclaimed president for life. His son — "Baby Doc" — took over as president for life in 1971.

In the new constitution, the president and prime minister have divided powers.

It also declares that all religions are legal, including voodoo,

which most Haitians practise and which previous constitutions outlawed.

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### Now it's trash wars in Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — The rotting pile of garbage, once a passive feature of west Beirut street corners, has gone native. It's quite possible it may explode. "I run fast every time I have to pass one of those stinking piles," said university student Rami Saadi. Other pedestrians give the rubbish heaps a visibly wide berth. More than 30 small explosions have jarred west Beirut since Syrian troops deployed last month. Mostly they are sticks of dynamite hidden in the omnipresent heaps. So far nobody has been hurt by the mischievous bombs, but many cars have been damaged and windows broken.

Garbage collections, back at work when the Syrians first came in, are now scared and the piles of garbage are growing again. "It's a problem," said one. "I don't want to risk my life for a pile of trash."

### Hand-made beds built for American dogs

LONDON (R) — The British are building a gift for the American dog which has everything — a hand-made solid walnut four-poster bed priced at £1,500 (\$2,400). A U.S. mail order company commissioned the British firm of Nettleditch to manufacture the beds, which have orthopaedic inner-sprung mattresses and come fitted with bottom sheets and feather duvets. A bedroom suite, with matching wardrobe, chest of drawers and bedside tables, will be available for £2,000 (\$3,200), a spokesman for the British firm said.

### Women protest against drugs trade

MADRID (R) — Thousands of women wearing white scarves have marched in Madrid in protest at a growing drugs trade which has turned many Spanish children into addicts and petty criminals. Organisers said about 5,000 women were joined in the demonstration by priests, trade unionists and politicians. "We are calling on concerned citizens to fight against the unchecked sale of heroin and cocaine, against police connivance and administrative inaction," said a spokeswoman for the Mothers Against Drugs Organisation. Father Enrique De Castro, who has set up vigilante groups in poor areas of Madrid, told reporters they had denounced more than 200 houses and streets in the capital where drugs are traded. While Spain's Interior Ministry has welcomed the initiative, it denies accusations from community groups that police ignore the rampant drug trade and in some cases receive bribes from drug traffickers. Spain's Socialist government last year launched a \$32-million plan to fight drug abuse which includes stiffer penalties for traffickers, more money and manpower for law enforcement and improved treatment for addicts. According to official figures, up to 125,000 Spaniards use heroin, some 80,000 take cocaine, about 500,000 are addicted to amphetamines and up to 1.8 million smoke cannabis.

### Reagan jokes about wife and Regan

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan joked about the reported row between his wife Nancy and fired chief of staff Donald Regan, according to a U.S. television network. At the annual Gridiron Club dinner, the network said Mr. Reagan told of a lunch meeting he had arranged between Nancy and Regan. "It was just Don and Nancy and their food tasters," the president was quoted as saying. Regan was replaced last month by former Senate majority leader Howard Baker after weeks of reports that Mrs. Reagan was unhappy with his job performance. The closed-door Gridiron dinner brings top U.S. media executives together with high government officials for a night of feasting, back-slapping and political satire.

### Woman believed killed by crocodile

BROOME, Australia (AP) — A large crocodile attacked a young American woman swimming in a remote river, police has reported. The woman was missing and believed dead. The 3-metre-long beast has not been sighted since the attack, said a police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Monday morning, a seaplane with wildlife officials and police aboard left Broome for the Prince Regent River to search for the woman. Two speedboats left the mining island of Koolan at daylight for the river, 400 kilometres away, Broome police Sgt. Jeff Cox said. He said the woman had been identified as Ginger Meadows, 24, but "the details are very sketchy because the area is so remote." Cox said Cox said the river is 800 kilometres north east of Broome, an old pearl-hunting town on the barren coast of West Australia, and is inaccessible by road. He said the woman apparently dived off the yacht, which was anchored at the mouth of the river, to swim to a rubber raft. But she was grabbed by the crocodile and pulled underwater, he added. "The area is well-known for crocodiles," Cox said. The yacht, with six people aboard, was on its way around northern Australia, bound from Broome to Darwin, after attending the America's Cup yacht races in Fremantle in February, he said.

### No AIDS vaccine expected this century

NEW YORK (AP) — The complex nature of the AIDS virus is likely to prevent development of an AIDS vaccine in this century, U.S. surgeon general C. Everett Koop has warned. "A cure I think is very problematical," Koop said in an interview aired on CBS News. "And a vaccine for this very complicated virus I don't think is in the cards for this century." In Washington last week, experts including Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute, a co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, said a vaccine should be ready for general use by the mid-1990s. But Koop, noting the tenacity and complexity of the deadly virus, was less optimistic. "Vaccines take a long time to develop," he said, noting that it took 19 years to produce a vaccine against Hepatitis B. This is a much more complicated virus," Koop said. He called tests of experimental AIDS vaccines "the very earliest preliminary tests, and before we have a vaccine available for use is a long way down the pike." Without a vaccine, public education is crucial in fighting the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), Koop said.

### 'Twilight Zone' trial nears end

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After nearly seven months of testimony, both sides in the manslaughter trial resulting from a fatal accident during filming of the movie "Twilight Zone" appear ready to let the jury decide Hollywood's case of the year. "There's not much more to say," a defense attorney confided outside court. "The jury has heard as much as it needs to hear." What the jury has been hearing for the past month is the defense case, an abbreviated presentation compared to the five-month marathon of prosecution witnesses. The defense has tried to contradict charges that the five men on trial caused the deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children through recklessness and negligence. The jurors have heard from two defendants, Director John Landis and helicopter pilot Dorey Wingo, who chose to take the witness stand in their own defense. Their three colleagues — Associate Producer George Folsey Jr., Production Manager Dan Allingham and special effects supervisor Paul Stewart — have decided to remain silent. All five are charged with involuntary manslaughter in the July 23, 1982, accident in which a helicopter crashed on top of Morrow, 53, Myca Dinh Le, 7, and Renee Chen, 6. Jurors must decide if the defendants acted so recklessly as to cause the accident or whether unforeseen events were responsible.

### GOREN BRIDGE

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#### ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠ 8 ♠ QAJ105 ♦ AJ9863  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
3 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
What action do you take?

A.—Your hand has gotten progressively worse as the auction has continued. Partner has shown a lot of major-suited cards, so the hand is a complete misfit. Don't think of bidding three spades or four diamonds. Discourage partner immediately by bidding three no trump.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦AK109 ♦QJ92 ♦8 ♦AQJ8  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—No heart raise will do your hand justice. Game is certain and slam likely. We think the best way to tell partner of your strength is to jump-shift to two spades now, then support hearts at your next turn.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦AK1093 ♦AQJ93 ♦74 ♦Q  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—You must have more than enough material to make 12 tricks, unless the opponents can get two first. The way to tell partner is to bid five spades. It is holding in the diamond suit that is crucial.

## Ulama eases support for Indonesian Muslim party

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia's main Muslim organisation, undercutting support for the country's only Muslim-backed political party, has told its members to vote how they like in next month's general election.

The chairman of Nahdatul Ulama, Abdurrahman Wahid, told a campaign rally in eastern Java Sunday it was not forbidden to vote for the ruling Golkar Party or the tiny Nationalist-Christian Indonesian Democratic Party.

The Ulama decided to withdraw from party politics when the legislation came to parliament.

The Indonesian Democratic Party has been wooing the Ulama with party leaders, making well-publicised visits to its schools to ask the group's leaders to their campaign rallies.

The Democrats staged the biggest rally of the week-old campaign when 50,000 of their supporters gathered for a huge motorcade that blocked traffic in Jakarta suburbs.

Eighty-five per cent of Haitians are illiterate so ballots were distinguished by colour: White for yes, yellow for no. Every voter had one of each and discarded the unused one.